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## Officers :

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*President*—*Alexander Fleming, Brandon.*  
*First Vice-President*—*D. D. Campbell, Manitou.*  
*Second*       “       —*Jas. Laidlaw, Clearwater.*  
*Third*        “       —*Andrew Riddle, Rinthrathen.*  
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*Secretary*—*George Purvis, Rounthwaite.*  
*Travelling Agent*—*E. A. Bailey, Nelson.*

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*Two Directors from Prince Albert.*  
*The Secretary of the Shoal Lake Branch.*

### BANKERS :

*The Bank of Nova Scotia.*



# CONSTITUTION.

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The officers of the Central Union shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Travelling Agent, who shall be elected at the meeting of the Board of Directors, held in January every year, as provided in the Union Charter of Incorporation.

The Board of Directors shall be composed of two members of the Union from each Territorial Division, to be duly elected at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

The officers of the Central Division and Branch Unions shall be ex-officio members of their respective boards of management.

The remuneration for the services of all officers and employees of the Union shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Central Union.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Union, maintain order, and exercise a

general oversight over the general business of the Union, sign all certified cheques, and at uncertain periods inspect the books and records of the Union. These duties shall be performed by the Vice-Presidents in the absence of the President.

The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and securities of the Union in the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Winnipeg, and shall keep a correct account of the same, and countersign for payment all cheques duly signed by the President, or Vice-President and Secretary. He shall give an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Union at the annual meeting, and whenever required to do so by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union, receive moneys and cheques, certify as to their correctness, and immediately remit the same to the treasurer. He will exercise a general oversight of the affairs of the Union, superintend the employees of the Union and see that their duties are efficiently performed.

The Travelling Agent shall organize branch-



es of the Union throughout the Province, and North-West, and make collections for the Union to be transmitted monthly, with statement, to the Secretary. He shall also periodically visit all branches, and report the results of his visitation to the Board of Directors at their regular meetings.

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There shall be elected in each of these Territorial Divisions, at a meeting to be held on the first Wednesday in December in each and every year, two Directors, to serve on the Board of the Central Union until their successors are appointed, as provided by the Charter of Incorporation. At that meeting there shall also be elected officers of the Division Unions, as follows:— President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a board consisting of three members, who, with the officers elected, shall have the full management of the Union's affairs, subject to the direction and approval of the Division Union.

The Territorial Division Unions shall be composed of delegates from sub-ordinate or branch Unions, within the limits of said divi-

sion, duly elected at the annual meeting to be held in November in each and every year.

The Division Unions shall have under their control and management all matters generally affecting Branch Unions not of a character to interfere with the duties of the Central Union or of the Constitution.

The officers of sub-ordinate or Branch Unions shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Lecturer, and Gatekeeper, who shall compose the board of management, to be elected at the annual meeting in November.

All branches of Division Unions are required to procure a charter and books from the secretary or agent of the Central Union, on the terms prescribed by the Board of Directors, as follows, viz: Five dollars for Charter, three Rituals and six copies of the Constitution.

All Branch Unions which have already paid their fees to the Central Union shall be credited for the amount.

No charges shall be made against the Central Union for expenses of delegates.

Branch Unions shall have full power to make by-laws to govern themselves, provided such by-laws do not conflict with the Constitution of the Central Union.

Any person of good moral character, over eighteen years of age, shall be eligible for membership on paying an entrance fee of one dollar, to be applied as follows: 50 cents to the Central Union, 25 cents to the Division Union and 25 cents to the Branch Union. The members shall in addition contribute 25 cents per quarter, to be divided proportionately as above, and also if necessary, special levies to meet exceptional expenditures sanctioned by the Board of Directors.

The Province shall be divided into the following

#### TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS:

No. 1, of which Winnipeg is the centre, comprises 7 to 18 inclusive, ranges 1 to 8 inclusive east of the first principal meridian, and ranges 1 and 2 west.

No. 2, Emerson. Townships 1 to 6 inclusive, ranges 1 to 8 east and 1 and 2 west.

No. 3, Portage la Prairie. Townships 7 to 18 inclusive, ranges 3 to 12 inclusive.

No. 4, Nelson. Townships 1 to 6 inclusive, ranges 3 to 12 inclusive.

No. 5, Brandon. Townships 7 to 18 inclusive, ranges 13 to 29 inclusive.

No. 6, Turtle Mountain. Townships 1 to 6 inclusive, ranges 13 to 29 inclusive.

No. 7, Whitewood, North-West Territory. Ranges 30 to 34 west of the first principal meridian and 1 to 9 west of the second principal meridian inclusive, Townships 8 to 20 inclusive.

No. 8, Prince Albert. Comprising Prince Albert settlement.